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NUNC PRO TUNC OCTOBER 24, 2006

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

PATRICIA CONNOLLY DETURA, C.N.M.

**ORDER REINSTATING
LICENSURE**

This matter was reopened before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of a petition from respondent Patricia Connolly-DeTura, C.N.M., to terminate the probationary status imposed upon her midwifery licensure by operation of a prior Consent Order entered on August 2, 2005 and to reinstate her license without condition. Respondent appeared *pro se* before the Midwifery Liaison Committee of the Board on June 19, 2006, and then testified under oath concerning the activities she has engaged in since the entry of the prior Consent Order and concerning her expectations and plans for future practice.

The disciplinary action effected by operation of the August 2, 2005 Consent Order was based upon findings that respondent engaged in numerous violations of the regulations governing certified nurse midwifery practice, and committed repeated acts of negligence, in connection with care provided to patient E.G. The Order provided that respondent's license was to be placed on probationary status for a minimum period of six months, after which respondent could apply to have the probation lifted from her midwifery license upon proof to the Board's satisfaction of fitness and competency to reenter midwifery practice. The Order further provided, without limitation, that respondent was to successfully complete courses acceptable to the Board

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in managing high risk patients and in communicating with difficult patients, and was to pay civil penalties and costs in the aggregate amount of \$7,024.15. Respondent has submitted proof demonstrating that she has in fact complied with both the educational and monetary requirements of the Consent Order, and further testified that she had learned from the prior matter about the need to comport her practice with protocols, regulations and recognized standards of midwifery practice.

It appearing that respondent has complied with the conditions of the Consent Order entered on August 2, 2005, to include completion of all mandated course work and payment of all civil penalties and fines, and the Board being satisfied that respondent has demonstrated that she is presently fit and qualified to resume the practice of midwifery in the State of New Jersey, without need for any limitations or restrictions to be imposed on her licensure, and for good cause shown:

IT IS on this 14th day of March, 2007

ORDERED nunc pro tunc October 24, 2006:

The period of probation imposed by operation of the prior Order entered in this matter on August 2, 2005 is hereby terminated, and the license of Patricia Connolly-DeTura to practice midwifery in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated, without condition or limitation.

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By: Sindy Paul, M.D.
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Board President